

FACT SHEET

SUBJECT: DLA Contingency Support Team

BACKGROUND:

· In response to the changing world environment the military has faced since the end of the Cold War, DLA has developed a concept to provide proactive, forward support to the warfighter. The DLA Contingency Support Team (DCST) is the result of this transformation and its utility has been proven in Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Southwest Asia, and in disaster relief operations in the Virgin Islands, Central America and the U.S.

DISCUSSION:

· Definition. A DCST is a team of DLA liaison officers and functional experts under the control of a DCST Commander that can be rapidly deployed to provide support to a Commander in Chief (CINC), Joint Task Force (JTF) Commander or sub-unified Commanders during regional conflicts, contingency operations, mobilization, emergencies, flexible deterrent options, exercises, or other emergency situations. This team's commander shall be the representative of the DLA Director to the CINC or supported commander within the Joint Operations Area to provide the single DLA point of contact. The team can provide liaison officers; customer service representatives; materiel management representatives; fuel management representatives; distribution management representatives; disposal (to include hazardous waste), reutilization, and marketing representatives; and contract administration representatives to include administration of civil augmentation program contracts. While deployed, the DCST is under the OPCON of the supported CINC, who may further delegate this OPCON as required. This OPCON is usually to whatever organization the CINC designates as his theater executive agent for logistics.

· There are four Theater Oriented Initial Response Teams (IRT) within the DCST structure (CENTCOM, EUCOM, PACOM, and JFCOM/SOUTHCOM). The IRT is a small group of rapidly deployable personnel that establish a communications link with the supported CINC or JTF Commander and the Director, DLA. The IRT assesses plans and coordinates the DLA mission requirements, manning, deployment details, and administrative support for the remainder of the DCST. The IRT usually includes the DCST Commander, a theater planner, a materiel management planner, an operations officer, and a communications/information systems specialist. The IRT is staffed with individuals whose jobs make them the most knowledgeable about the specific CINC's area of responsibility and support requirements.

· In addition to the IRT, there are two worldwide deployable DCSTs, each made up of five subordinate elements with a specific function or mission. They are:

· Command Support Element.

· Materiel Management Element.

- Fuels Element
- Disposal Element (to include hazardous waste).
- Contingency Contract Administration Support (CCAS) Element.
- The DCST is not a standing organization waiting for a mission. Rather, it is a pre-rostered team of personnel with limited equipment that is trained and ready to deploy within specific time frames to provide support.
- Teams are made up of civilian, active duty military personnel, and Reserve Component personnel.
- Team members are trained specialists in their functional area.
- Each team is tailorable to the mission assigned; it is not an "all or nothing" concept.
- In order to obtain a DCST, supported organizations should:
 - Pre-plan via memorandums of agreement and deliberate planning.
 - Provide a formal CINC request to HQ, DLA.
 - Define the mission and allow DLA to analyze and size the team.
 - Ensure that the DCST is allocated space on the Time Phased Force and Deployment Data (TPFDD) list.
- DCST cost to the warfighter is small:
 - Financial relationships between DLA and its customers do not change with the deployment of a DCST. Those services or materials that the customer would normally pay for (cost of goods, fees for disposal of hazardous waste) will continue to be paid for and there are no new fees.
 - The cost of a DCST to a CINC is space on the TPFDD, living and working space, as well as access to dining facilities, force protection, and other life support facilities.
 - Additional information on the DCST program can be obtained by contacting the DLA Contingency Plans and Operations Office at (703) 767-2700.

RECOMMENDATION:

- None. For information only.

APPROVED: _____

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